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As head of the Air Traffic Organization's Operations Planning service unit, Steve Brown will ensure that the ATO's strategic plans align with those of the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Flight Plan, the Joint Program Office, and the Operational Evolution Plan. Brown will also oversee the Chief Scientist for Research and Development, the Chief Architect for the National Airspace System, and laboratory services at the William J. Hughes Technical Center.

In his previous position as Associate Administrator for Air Traffic Services, Brown managed the 35,000 air traffic controllers, maintenance and software technicians, flight inspection pilots, and administrative personnel who are responsible for the daily operation of the nation's airspace.

Before his 1998 appointment at the FAA, Brown was the president of the National Aeronautic Association. He was also Senior Vice President of Government and Technical Affairs at the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA). Before joining AOPA, Brown was a faculty member at Texas A&M University where he taught aviation-related courses.

Brown's aviation experience includes serving on the board of RTCA, Incorporated. He was a member of the FAA Administrator's special task force on air traffic control modernization, chaired the FAA's Rulemaking Federal Advisory Committee, and served on the FAA Committee for Free Flight Implementation. He was also the appointed representative for general aviation on the International Civil Aviation Organization's Future Air Navigation Systems Committee. Additionally, Brown has experience as a commercial pilot, and is an aircraft owner.

Brown is a graduate of the executive management programs at Pennsylvania State University and the University of Virginia. He is a qualified aviation accident investigator and holds a bachelor's degree in business management and a master's degree in industrial education.